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- HART

PASS TO STATUS LNO BERGESEN - COMTWELVE FOR AMB WILLIAMS

ELEVEN MEMBERS OF SAIPAN UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION AND TWO MARIANAS DELEGATES TO CONCON HAVE RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO SENATOR GARY HART THEIR OPPOSITION TO SENATE ACTION ON THE MARIANAS COVENANT. THESE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED BY HART AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES. UCA LETTER WAS DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 1975 AND SIGNED BY FELIX RABAU LIMAN, ABEL OLOPAI, LUIS LIMES, ISIDRO OGARTO, JESUS ELAMETO, GUS TAGABUEL, JOAQUINA RABAU LIMAN, MAGGIE OLOPAI, DANIEL OGUMORO, FELISIDAD OGUMORO AND ROKUCHO BILLY. REQUEST THAT YOU PROVIDE TO THE MPSC TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING TWO LETTERS. PLEASE ADVISE ON MPSC REACTION AND ANY POSSIBLE STEPS THEY ARE CONSIDERING TO COUNTER THE IMPRESSION CREATED BY THE LETTERS. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"WE THE CAROLINIANS IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WOULD LIKE TO RE-ITERATE OUR POSITION IN REFERENCE TO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS
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POLITICAL STATUS. TO DATE, WE STILL MAINTAIN OUR POSITION

IN THAT WE STRONGLY WANT TO REMAIN WITH THE REST OF MICRO-
NESIA. OUR TRUE IDENTITY AS CAROLINIANS CERTAINLY REFLECTS

THE FACT THAT WE BELONG TO A VAST MAJORITY OF MICRONESIANS
WHO, IN TERMS OF POPULATION, DOMINATE BOTH EASTERN AND
WESTERN CAROLINE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. THIS SIMPLY
MEANS THAT, IN REALITY, WE ARE THE MAJORITY OF THE MICRO-
NESIANS LIVING AMONG ONE OF THE SMALLEST ETHNIC GROUPS IN
THE NORTHERN MARIANAS NAMELY, THE CHAMORROS.

ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU AND YOUR COLLEA-
GUES IN THE SENATE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF
MICRONESIA HAVE NOT YET SPOKEN, WHETHER OR NOT COMMONWEALTH
STATUS IS OUR POLITICAL CHOICE. THEREFORE, LET IT BE
KNOWN TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALL CONCERN
CITIZENS THAT WHATEVER ACTION YOU TAKE TO SHAPE OR FORM
OUR POLITICAL DESTINY, WE, AS THE MAJORITY OF MICRONESIA,
HAVE NO PART IN MAKING THAT DECISION. WE STRONGLY FEEL
THAT A DECISION OF THIS NATURE MUST INITIALLY COME FROM
OUR LEADERS IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA."

TELEX FROM CONCON DELEGATES ALFONSO RASA AND LUIS LIMES
WAS TRANSMITTED 240558Z SEPTEMBER 1975. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"AS ELECTED DELEGATES TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION FROM THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT WE UNEQUIVO-
CALLY OPPOSE ANY ACTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE
THAT COULD RESULT IN THE SEPARATION OF OUR ISLANDS FROM
THE REST OF MICRONESIA. WE BELIEVE THE SENATE IN VIEW OF
THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT HAS AN OBLIGATION
TO THE VAST MAJORITY OF MICRONESIANS WHO SUPPORT UNITY FOR
ALL SIX DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC
ISLANDS. WE HASTEN TO REMIND THE SENATE THAT THE PEOPLE
OF MICRONESIA THROUGH OUR NATIONAL LEGISLATURE HAVE NOT
YET SPOKEN REGARDING OUR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. WE RE-
COGNIZE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AS THE SOLE NEGOTIATOR
FOR ALL SIX DISTRICTS MARIANAS INCLUDED AND STRONGLY
BELIEVE INTENTIONS TO SEPARATE ANY DISTRICT FROM THE MIC-
RONESIAN MAJORITY IS LEGALLY AND MORALLY WRONG." KISSINGER

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